

CHURCH FINANCES

In order to keep everyone up to date on our church finances, we will be printing the year to date expenses and income in the bulletin and Messenger.

Year to Date Expenses as of August 31, 2011 \$521,961.43
Year to Date Income as of August 31, 2011 \$487,574.77
Net Deficit as of August 31, 2011 \$(34,386.66)

Copies of the 2011 budget are available upon request. Contact either Jerry Smith 475-6597 or Peggy May 472-7718-ext22.

COLLEGE STUDENT INFO. NEEDED

We need current addresses for our college and graduate students. If you have a loved one in school, please contact the church office (336) 472-7718 with updated mailing addresses! THANK YOU!

Receptionist Help!

There is a vacancy for the first and second Monday of each month. The hours are from 9:00 am until 11:30am.

If you would be interested in giving a couple of hours a month to help at the desk, call Leslie Gibbs or Gayle Murdock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

5:30 PM supper and 6:15 PM program.

9/28 Vietnam Experience-Rip Cord in Retrospect, Bruce Bundy
Dinner will cost \$6.50 per adult and \$4.00 per child/children (preschool eat free); maximum for family is \$15.00. The deadline for reservations each week is Tuesday at 12 noon. Please call the church office: 336-472-7718. ALSO

NOTE: EVERYONE needs to call into the church office to make reservations or to cancel standing reservations.

Extra Ties in Your Closet???

We are collecting men's ties (not bow ties) for a project that will benefit the church. If you are able to find some that you do not wear any more, would you please place them in the box on the first floor hall of the main building or in the box near Jarrett Hall in the CEC?

Let's try to have them turned in by the end of October.

IMPACT COMMUNITY 2011 is coming!!!! OCTOBER 1, 2011.

WE WILL NEED YOU!

Keep up: Facebook: "Impact Thomasville", Twitter: @ImpactTville

IMPACT COMMUNITY: Coupons for troops

We are currently collecting coupons for our military families which can be used overseas to help our troops pay for their grocery bills. Bring your coupons (any items and any expiration date past August 1 will do). You don't even have to cut them or sort them, this will be done during our IMPACT event!

IMPACT COMMUNITY: Food Trailer

On Saturday, September 24, 11 AM - 7 PM, our church will be responsible for providing volunteers to help with the IMPACT COMMUNITY TRAILER (which will be stationed downtown), where we are collecting food, new socks and underwear. Let Rodney know if you are willing and available to take a shift, as soon as possible!

Opportunities Through The Week

SUNDAY, September 25

Daily Bible Reading-Proverbs 25:1-10
8:30 Nursery Care
8:50 Contemporary Worship-Jarrett Hall
9:45 Sunday School
10:00 R. L. Pope Class: Dr. Claude Young
11:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary
3:30-6:30 UMYF

MONDAY, September 26

Daily Bible Reading-Deuteronomy 1:9-17
6:15 Praise Team Rehearsal-Jarrett Hall
7:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, September 27

Daily Bible Reading-2 Chronicles 32:20-26
5:30 Chicks-JR. High Room
6:30 Finance Committee meeting-Scout room

WEDNESDAY, September 28

Daily Bible Reading-Proverbs 28:1-5
5:30 Fellowship Meal
6:00 Kids Club
6:15 Program
6:00 Disciple IV Bible Study
6:30 H.S. & M.S. Small Group
7:15 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 29

Daily Bible Reading-Proverbs 28:8-16
9:15 Disciple IV Bible Study
10:30 Chicks-Library
6:00 Yoga
6:30 Nominations & Leadership Development Committee meeting-parlor

FRIDAY, September 30

Daily Bible Reading-Proverbs 28:20-28

SATURDAY, October 1

Daily Bible Reading-Proverbs 29:2-11

SUNDAY, October 2

Daily Bible Reading-Proverbs 29:16-27
8:30 Nursery Care
8:50 Contemporary Worship-Jarrett Hall
9:45 Sunday School
10:00 R. L. Pope Class: Dr. Jim McGhee
11:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary
5:00-7:00 UMYF

ALTAR AND ARTS

As you are Spring cleaning, please remember to save your handbags for the Altar and Arts Committee's Handbag Sale in November. We are hoping to purchase four altar cloths for the chapel.

Open Flower Dates:

October 2, 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13
Call Beverly Myers 476-7621 to reserve a date

7th Annual Gifts Galore

Saturday, November 5, 2011
8am - 2 pm inside the CEC
Come find gifts of all kinds and for all occasions!



CCM FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

RICE

DIAL-A-PRAYER 475-1114

Sponsored by the R. L. Pope Bible Class

FOOD MINISTRY 475-9696 472-7718

R.L. Pope Bible Study Class is broadcast on **WGOS-AM 1070**

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF EARLY THIS YEAR!

To assist the Finance Committee with more time to prepare the 2012 budget, the Stewardship Campaign will start and end earlier this year. It will be very briefly and gently introduced on the all-important Finch Preaching Mission Sunday, October 9. Since stewardship is an all-year round calling and we will be thinking with Reverend Trevor Hudson about the "Invitations of Jesus," we are praying that there will be added spiritual renewal and energy from the Finch Preaching Mission to invite us to a deeper commitment of our prayers, presence, gifts and service to the Lord. **Please note that this year for the first time you are being encouraged to pick up your Estimate-of-Giving card at the church on Sunday, October 16, 2011.** A Stewardship station staffed by members of the Stewardship Committee will be located in the foyer of Jarrett Hall before and after the 8:50am service, and in the Narthex of the sanctuary before and after the 11am service. Please go by the station to pick up your card. If you are unable to be with us on Oct 16, your card will be delivered by a canvasser to your home that following week. We hope that you will attend one of the two services on **COMMITMENT SUNDAY, October 30, 2011**, and bring your Estimate-of-Giving card to be dedicated at the altar. Cards can also be mailed to the church during that week. A church-sponsored **luncheon** will follow the 11am service. Please **RSVP no later than October 25** to be added to the lunch reservations list (call 472-7718).

**MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THOMASVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Ministers

IVAN H. M. PEDEN
Senior Minister

PEGGY A. FINCH
Associate Minister

RODNEY W. DENTON
Associate Minister

LYNDA C. HEPLER
Minister of Children & Families

**September Twenty Fifth, Two Thousand Eleven
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



52nd Annual Finch Preaching Mission

October 9 -11, 2011

Mark your calendars now! The Reverend Trevor Hudson from South Africa will be preaching on "The Invitations of Jesus". Everyone is invited to the R. L. Pope Class Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and then to the only morning worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch for which reservations are required. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings begin with congregational singing at 6:45 and worship services at 7:00. At each service there will be special music, a nursery, and a love offering for CCM.

Through the generosity and vision of Doak and Agnes Finch, this Preaching Mission has been a part of the heritage of Memorial since 1959. We have been blessed by powerful preachers in the past and that tradition continues this year with Trevor. Don't miss out on this inspirational opportunity. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to hear about "The Invitations of Jesus."

Welcome to the family of God known as Memorial United Methodist Church. Here we believe all people are God's children and related to us through Jesus Christ. Please take time to fill out a registration form this morning. As it is passed back toward the center aisle prior to the Offering, use it to get to know persons seated near you. If you wish to become a member of this church, please indicate that. If you need to talk with a minister, write a notation on the bottom of the sheet and include your home and work phone numbers, or email address. We trust that you will experience the love and power of the risen Christ with us this morning.

Our Mission is to follow Jesus Christ as a caring community of believers who-enabled by God's Grace- seek to grow spiritually, share the Gospel, love and serve all people, and live the Christian faith in our daily lives.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 25, 2011 **11:00 A.M.**
Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude arr. Boud
Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Lighting of the Altar Candles Mr. Neal Faircloth

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship Messick
Sing, My Soul
“Sing! O sing, my soul with gladness. To the Lord for all God's goodness. Worship and thanks to God belong. Ever joyful is the song.”

Responsive Greeting The Reverend Doctor Ivan H. M. Peden
Minister: I Greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May Christ's Peace be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Praise, UMH No. 140 T. O. Chisholm/FAITHFULNESS
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed – UMH No. 881
The Reverend Peggy A. Finch

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri UMH, No. 70
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

*Passing of the Peace E.S. Eslinger
Shalom to You UMH No. 666
**Shalom to you, now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Prayers of the People Reverend Finch
The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response Rutter
Amen

TITHES AND OFFERING

+Welcome and Parish Notes Dr. Peden

Finch Preaching Mission Moment Mr. Chris McCullough

The Offering arr.Read
Offertory *My Soul Forsakes its Vain Delight*
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication The Reverend Rodney W. Denton

THE WORD AND PROCLAMATION

Children's Moment The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler
(Please join the Chancel Choir in singing “Jesus Loves Me” as the children move to the Chancel area for the Children's Sermon)

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32 Reverend Denton
Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Anthem Ray
He Never Failed Me Yet
"I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet."

Sermon: Dr. Peden
“Two Dangerous Words”

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Response UMH No. 261 S. Carter/LORD OF THE DANCE
Lord of the Dance

*Benediction Dr. Peden

*Benediction Response Welsh folk tune
Sent Forth by God's Blessing
“Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.”

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity

*Postlude Byrd
Pavan

Participants in today's service:

The Reverend Doctor Ivan H. M. Peden
The Reverend Peggy A. Finch, Associate Minister
The Reverend Rodney W. Denton, Associate Minister
The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler, Minister of Children & Family Ministries
Mr. Brian Vannoy, Organist
Dr. Danny Frye, Music Director
Mr. Neal Faircloth, Acolyte
Mr. Chris McCullough, Finch Preaching Mission Speaker

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher if you need one. **Chief Usher:** Gerry Crowder **Leaders:** Don Clinard, Carey Eanes, Zeb Hanner, J. H. Williams, Charles Wade **Today's Ushers:** Norman Crews, Rob Williams, Woody Huneycutt, Bick Craig, Mike & Janice Lanning, Randall Tysinger. **Today's Greeters:** Kay Eanes, Steve & June Hardy, Jeff Harrison, Sandy McGhee. **HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Care is available for children ages, infant to 5 years, in the main building from 8:30 am to 12 noon. Directions to the Nursery from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the nursery located on the ground floor in the south wing. Our caring nursery staff will be there to meet you!

Children's Worship is held in the Chapel following the Children's Sermon. Directions to the Chapel from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the Chapel located on the ground floor in the north wing. Children ages 4 and up are invited to come for their own style of worship including: music, storytime, video, role play and other activities. Parents are asked to pick up their child after the worship service in the chapel.

PRAYER LIST

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 475-6026. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch and let us know how he/she is doing as names will be removed after 3 weeks. During the week, please pray for:

Military personnel stateside and overseas	Tracy Brinkley	
Becci Cagle	Sharon Van Vechten	Debbie Hill
Wayne Leonard	Andrea Cain	Mike Schartiger
Jane Dorton	Ralph Link	Jody Ballard
Elaine Branson	Jay Lucas	Darby Crowder
Martha Johnson	Ann Pickett Shrishord	

We extend our deepest sympathy to Priscilla Joyce and her family on the death of Hardin Joyce, on September 18, 2011. Please keep this family in your prayers.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Circle Meetings

Monday, September 26 - 6:00-Evening Circle, Home of Sara Faulkner
910 Robinhood Road
Study: “Longing To Pray: How The Psalms
Teach Us To Talk With God”